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1. In preparation for war, two kinds of antiaircraft artillery are being set up, and a good start is said to have already been made on these preparations. It is not known how many AAA regiments already exist in Poland, but there are believed to be at least 15 of them. Onetype of AAA which has or will be supplied to the army has guns with a caliber of between 50 and 100 mm. Whereas large caliber guns are operated by special AAA regiments, these smaller caliber guns are found in all regiments, especially in the mechanized regiments and divisions.
2. The second kind of AAA will be employed to defend various sections of the interior of Poland, especially important communications junctions and industrial areas. The larger guns will have a caliber of between 85 and 150 mm. At least eight AAA regiments equipped with these guns are believed to be already located in Poland. These artillery units are entirely mechanized, and the largest guns, those with 150 mm. caliber, are based on the German model which dates from the end of the war but which the Germans did not employ; these models are now being mass-produced in the Soviet Union and are being sent in large quantities to Poland.
3. In Poland, the Warsaw communications junction is still the most important; more important than the industries there, and as a result there are strong AA defenses there.
4. In the following locations, there are already either prepared AAA emplacements or these are being set up, using the service of military labor battalions and SP (Service to Poland) brigades:
  - a. East of the Vistula River
    - 1) Near Zielonka (R53/L19), with 150 mm. guns.
    - 2) Near Anin-Miedzylesie (R53/L18) where preparations are in progress.

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- 3) Near or at Jablonna (R53/K90), north of Warsaw, with guns which at the most are of 85 mm. caliber.

b. West of the Vistula River

- 1) Near Sluzew (R53/L08), where preparations are in progress,
- 2) Near Wlochy (R53/P98), where 105 and 150 mm. guns are already installed,
- 3) Near Babice (R53/P88), where guns of an unknown caliber are already installed.
- 4) Near Mlociny (R53/P99), where preparations are in progress,

It is not known whether in each of the above-mentioned localities there is an entire or only a part of an artillery regiment, because guns are not yet located at all positions; in Wlochy, for example, about 40 guns are located in a sector eight kilometers in length, and still more emplacements are nearly completed.

5. In many localities, civilians were expelled and their homesteads were either destroyed or were converted to military use and were well camouflaged; in many such buildings, troops are quartered. The area between Wlochy and Babice continues to be under strict guard and civilian travel is forbidden or is rendered very difficult; flights in civilian aircraft and in glider aircraft are strictly forbidden.
6. Another, although smaller, AAA point has been set up near Modlin, where the construction work is already well advanced. No further details are known.

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